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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the application filed October 23, 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by STAHLHOFEN et al '310.

The claimed invention is drawn to the following:

1. A positive photosensitive composition comprising a quinonediazide compound, a novolak resin, a compound reacting with the novolak resin by the action of an acid, and a compound generating an acid by heating.

STAHLHOFEN et al anticipates the claimed invention at Example 1 and 3, found in column 5, lines 15-40, wherein the Example 1 is shown below:

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EXAMPLE 1

An electrochemically grained and anodically oxidized aluminum sheet was coated with a solution of

1.600 parts by weight	of the esterification product of 1 mole of 2,3,4-trihydroxy-benzophenone and 3 moles of 1,2-naphthoquinone-2-diazide-5-sulfonic acid chloride,
6.400 parts by weight	of a cresol-formaldehyde novolak having a softening range from 127° to 145° C.,
0.200 parts by weight	of 1,2-naphthoquinone-2-diazide-4-sulfonic acid chloride,
0.070 parts by weight	of crystal violet,
0.400 parts by weight	of bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-sulfone, and
0.200 parts by weight	of a non-plastified-melamine-formaldehyde resin etherified with isobutyl, in
40.00 parts by weight	of ethylene glycol monomethyl ether, and
55.00 parts by weight	of tetrahydrofuran.

In Example 1 the claimed quinonediazide compound is met by the 1,2-naphthoquinone-2-diazide sulfonic acid, the novolak resin is met by the cresol-formaldehyde novolak, a compound reacting with the novolak is the non-plastified melamine-formaldehyde resin and the compound generating an acid by heating is the esterification product of 2,3,4-trihydroxybenzophenone of 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5- sulfonic acid chloride. The the esterification product of 2,3,4-trihydroxybenzophenone of 1,2-naphthoquinonediazide-5- sulfonic acid chloride is known to be thermal sensitive and upon heating form an indene carboxylic acid (carboxylic acid) and thus meets the recited limitations of claims 1 and 3.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by INOMATA et al.

The claimed invention has been recited above and is included by reference.

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INOMATA et al anticipates the claimed invention at Examples 6 – 9, found on page 9.Table 3. Example 6 discloses each of the recited components as claimed, see the Table 3 below:

TABLE 3

	Phenolic resin (A)		Phenolic compound (a)		Quinonediazide compound (B)		Crosslinked fine particles (C)		Curing agent (D)		Acid generator (E)		Solvent (F)	
	Type	Parts	Type	Parts	Type	Parts	Type	Parts	Type	Parts	Type	Parts	Type	Parts
Ex. 6	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	C-1	10	D-1	15	E-1	2	F-1	147
Ex. 7	A-2	100	—	—	B-1	23	C-1	12	D-1	15	E-1	2	F-1	152
Ex. 8	A-1	90	a-1	10	B-2	20	C-1	10	D-2	20	E-1	3	F-1	153
Ex. 9	A-1/ A-3	90/10	—	—	B-1	20	C-1	10	D-1	20	E-1	2	F-2	130
Ex. 10	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	C-1	10	D-1	20	E-2	2	F-1	152
Comp. Ex. 5	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	C-1	10	D-1	15	—	—	F-1	145
Comp. Ex. 6	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	C-1	10	—	—	—	—	F-1	130
Comp. Ex. 7	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	—	—	D-1	15	—	—	F-1	135
Comp. Ex. 8	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	—	—	D-1	15	E-1	2	F-1	137
Comp. Ex. 9	A-1	100	—	—	B-1	20	C-1	10	—	—	E-1	2	F-1	132

The examiner directs the application to the disclosed Phenolic resin (A) Table 3 wherein this disclosure meets the claimed novolak resin. The disclosed Quinonediazide compound (B) of Table 3 meets the claimed quinonediazide. The Curing agent (D) meets “a compound reacting with the novolak resin by the action of an acid” and Acid generator (E) meets the claimed compound generating an acid by heating. The examiner further directs the applicant to page 5, subparagraphs [0092] – [0094] wherein the acid generating compounds are disclosed to be thermal acid generators. Thus the claims are clearly anticipated by the disclosure of INOMATA et al.

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The processing steps of claim 5 are met by the disclosure on page 7, subparagraph [0151] and [0152] wherein the insulating film is coated, heated, exposed and developed. The examiner notes that claim 5 uses "comprising" language such that the steps disclosed can be in any order.

No claim is allowed.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. UENISHI et al '512, WINKLE and SHIOTA et al are recited of interest to disclose composition comprising crosslinking agents.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Chu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.


The fax phone number for the USPTO is (703) 872-9306.

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